

Highland Hotel
Old King's Highway
and Highland Road
Truro
Barnstable County
Massachusetts

HABS No. MA-749

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

HIGHLAND HOTEL

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Location North east inters ection of old King's Highway and Highland Road, Truro, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

Present owner Miss Lenore Stephens, 19 Portland Ave., Clifton, N.J.

Present occupant Vacant

Present use Vacant.

Significance A two-story "Captains House", Federal style, wooden, provincial, only house of its type, so far discovered, within the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore area. Horace Snow, Sr., Truro antiquarian, said this structure was an old Lodge or stage coach stop on the Old King's Highway, and its original name was the "Highland Hotel". He related local tradition to the effect that Thoreau and Daniel Webster had stayed there.

PART I HISTORICAL INFORMATION See above paragraph.

Original and subsequent owners Not available.

Date of erection Dr. Ernest Allen Connally, HABS Architect and Historian has dated structure as early 19th century, perhaps as late as 1830's.

Architect Unknown.

Builder Unknown.

Original plans of construction None known to exist.

Alterations and additions. Old view shows addition to rear, since removed.
Other information not available.

Historical events See paragraph above "Significance".

Important old views Horace Snow, Sr. Truro, has old photo showing rear addition.

Sources of information Horace Snow, Sr. Truro.

Likely sources not yet investigated Present owner; Truro and Barnstable County records; Thoreau's books on Cape Cod.

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